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Public Works Department

Ron Bannon, Director

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Your Action Requested **Lead Service Line Replacement Program**

February 3, 2025

Dear Property Owner,

The City of Highland Park is pleased to announce that we will begin replacement of lead/galvanized service lines (“LSL”) within the community. You are receiving this notice because you live within the first project area and **records show that a portion or entirety of your water service is either lead or galvanized and needs replacement per the Public Act 102-0613**. Therefore, the City is requesting your participation to confirm which water service lines are lead and galvanized. Please read below to learn how to participate.

Important information on this project:

Timeline: February 2025 – July 2028

Location: A map showing this year’s project area can be found at GetTheLeadOutIL.com/highlandpark

Cost: The City has developed a cost share program for the replacement of the privately-owned portion of the water service line (from b-box/meter pit into the house). Under this program, the property owner is responsible for a \$5,000 cost share fee, and the City will pay the balance of the LSL replacement expense. Please note that only properties that receive private side service line replacement will be charged \$5,000. The City will assume the cost of work on properties that only require work on the public side service lines. The property owner’s portion of the cost may be paid in full to the City or by payment plan administered via loan agreement, plus a \$500 administrative and processing fee. Property owners who qualify for the City’s Low-Income Assistance Program will receive a 50% (\$2,500) reduction of the \$5,000 cost-share fee. For more information about the City’s Low-Income Assistance Program, please contact the Finance Department at finance@cityhpil.com.

How to participate: To benefit from this program, please complete these two steps:

1. Please sign up at GetTheLeadOutIL.com/highlandpark
2. Please submit photos of your water service line at gettheleadoutIL.com/survey

Voluntary Participation: State law states that all lead service lines must be replaced by 2035. While participation is **COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY**, there is no guarantee that a portion of the costs will be covered again in the future, therefore participation is highly encouraged.

Impacts and Restoration: After the line is replaced, any landscaping that was disturbed will be restored with sod. Interior structural restoration will be covered as part of the project. Interior decorative restoration such as tile or drywall will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Additional Information and Questions: FAQs and other information can be found at GetTheLeadOutIL.com/highlandpark. You may also reach our consultant Robinson Engineering at 847-590-4624 or at lslr@reltd.com with any questions.

Meeting Information: The City will hold a series of meetings to explain and answer questions regarding this project. Meetings will be held on:

February 26th at 6:00 PM, City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave)

March 3rd at 6:00 PM, Virtual Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83619308927>

March 11th at 6:00 PM, at City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave)

RSVP: To ensure adequate seating is available, an **RSVP is required** to attend these meetings. Contact Public Works at 847.432.0807 or publicworks@cityhpil.com



OPEN HOUSE



Feb 26th - City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave)

March 3rd - Virtual

March 11th - City Hall

All Meetings Begin at 6PM

Lead Service Line Replacements in Highland Park

The City of Highland Park is partnering with Robinson Engineering Ltd. to implement new State of Illinois requirements to replace all lead service lines. Learn about the program, sign up, and meet with the engineers who designed the program at one of our three open house opportunities.

Open House Includes:

- A presentation describing the program
- Posters of Project Area
- Q&A with City Staff and Consulting Engineers

Attendees Include: **City of Highland Park Staff**
Robinson Engineering, Ltd

For more information on our Lead Service Line Replacement Program:

Robinson Engineering:
847-590-4624
OR lslr@reltd.com

Program Website
GetTheLeadOutIL.com/highlandpark



LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



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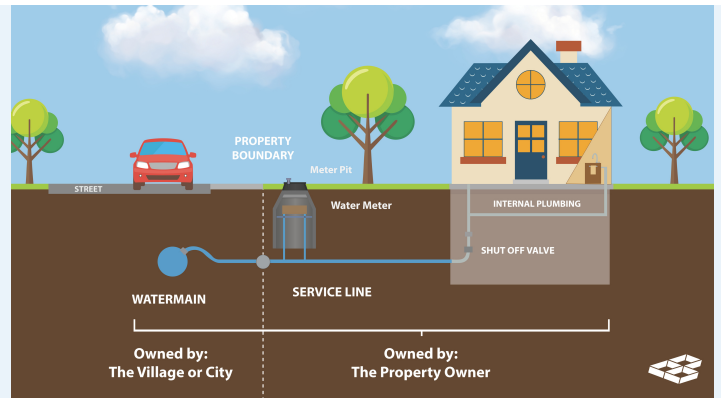
For additional information and to speak to engineers overseeing this work, come to one of the **three** Open Houses listed on the invitation.

BEFORE YOUR SERVICE LINE IS REPLACED

- 1 The City's consultant, Robinson Engineering, Ltd., has been retained to design the project. During design, we ask that each participating property owner signs the Request Form and submits photos of their service line at GetTheLeadOutIL.com/Survey. Robinson Engineering or the contractor will contact property owners who need follow-up appointments to identify their service line material.
- 2 The City's service line replacement contractor will contact property owners in need of service line replacement to schedule an appointment to discuss the replacement process.
- 3 On the day of your appointment, the contractor will come inside the home to confirm your material type and describe the replacement, including impact to the property and restoration. If your service line is identified as lead or galvanized steel, the contractor will ask you to sign an access agreement and schedule a second appointment for replacement.
- 4 The contractor may also dig small holes near your meter pit to confirm whether any section of the water service line is lead. Alternatively, the City may use water sampling in lieu of digging holes. If lead pipe is only identified on the public side of the water service line, households will receive notice of replacement and water filters after replacement, and no further appointments will be needed.

DURING YOUR SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

- 5 To install the new copper service line, the contractor will dig two 6-foot by 6-foot holes—one in the right-of-way and one near the meter pit or b-box in the front yard. The contractor will enter your home to connect your new pipe to the indoor plumbing. Your water will be turned off for up to four hours. If the water meter is located in a meter pit outside, it will be moved inside the house and a new valve called a curb stop will be installed.
- 6 After installation, the contractor will complete structural restorations inside the building. Decorative restoration will be the responsibility of the property owner.



AFTER YOUR SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

- 7 Once the new service line is installed, the contractor will test the new pipe and run water through to flush out debris and lead particles.
- 8 After the line is replaced, the holes will be temporarily patched in the yard and street to allow for settling. The holes will then be restored using sod, concrete, or pavement.
- 9 Three to six months after the line is replaced, you will have the option to get your water sampled for free. The contractor will coordinate the drop off of sample bottles and instructions, the pick up of bottles once the samples are collected, and provide lab testing results.

A magnet with flushing instructions and water filters will be distributed following installation.



Permanent asphalt patching in the road.



Sod is installed in the spring or fall after the initial patch.



QUESTIONS:

Robinson Engineering 847-590-4624
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For more information on this program, including FAQs, see: www.gettheleadoutil.com